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Emigration.

Conveniences in ships for emigrants.

* 1542 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what orders have been passed by the Government of India and this Government for improvements in the ships, engaged for carrying emigrants from and to the several ports in the Presidency, as to accommodation, kitchens, latrines, sanitation, medical treatment, etc., within the last six months; and

(b) what action is proposed to be taken in future to ensure always the necessities of life and comforts of emigrants in the ships?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 1346.

Jails.

Mappilla colonization in the Andamans.

* 1543 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the resolutions of the Khilafat Conference and of the All-India Muslim League, condemning the scheme of the Mappilla colonization in the Andamans;

(b) whether the Government have received the report of the recent Andamans Committee; and

(c) whether the Government have any idea of dropping the scheme, and if not, why not?

A.—(a) The Government have seen the reports in the newspapers.
(b) & (c) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 1314 given at the meeting of the 9th February 1926.

Local Boards and Municipal Councils.

Nominations to Trichinopoly District Board.

* 1544 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many out of the five members appointed to the Trichinopoly District Board are Bench Magistrates attached to the bench courts of Trichinopoly and Srirangam;

(b) in how many cases the communities to which the nominees belong, had already been represented—
(i) by appointed members and
(ii) by elected members;

(c) in how many cases the gentlemen recommended to be appointed had *direct* or *indirect interest* in subsisting contracts with the district board and

(d) who made the recommendations and under what circumstances the nominations were accepted notwithstanding the disabilities?

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A.—(*a*) The hon. Member apparently refers to the five members whose names were gazetted on 24th January 1925. Two of these are honorary magistrates, one for Srirangam and the other for Trichinopoly.

(*b*) In only one case, that of the Muhammadan community, was the community concerned already represented on the Council either by nomination or election.

(*c*) The President, District Board, Trichinopoly, reports that he knows of no such case.

(*d*) The President, District Board, Trichinopoly, made the recommendations. In view of the answer to clause (*c*), the second part of the question does not arise.

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—" Arising out of the answer given in (*a*), may I know how many members out of 5 are nominated members ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" All of them are nominated."

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—" Was there any nomination of a Christian candidate to the board ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Among the 5 ? "

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—" Yes."

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" I should like to have notice of that question. "

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" Is there any Christian member at all in the district board ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Sir, I believe there is a Christian member but I am not sure. "

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—" There was a vacancy of a lady member. Was not a lady member appointed ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" Not yet, Sir."

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—" Will the Government consider over this matter ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" If a suitable candidate is available."

Mr. MUHAMMAD GHOUSE MIAN SAHIB :—" May I know whether they have received an application from a lady member already ? "

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL :—" The Government are not aware of it. If the district board finds that a lady member is available then that question will be considered."

Public Health.

Water-tap and lanterns for Adi-Dravidas in Thalayattam.

1545 *Q.*—Mr. R. VEERIAN : With reference to question No. 1038 answered at the meeting of the Council on the 15th December 1925 regarding water-tap and lanterns for Adi-Dravidas in Thalayattam Adi-Dravida cheri, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to call for the information ?